

## Faculty Development Program

### What is the Faculty Development Program?

The Faculty Development Program is designed to improve the quality of instruction at Kentucky's colleges and universities. Program activities include publication of the *Kentucky Journal of Excellence in College Teaching & Learning*, the annual conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, and institutional faculty development efforts throughout the year.

### How many Kentucky faculty members are served by the program?

The funds have supported annual state conferences for the last five years to help more than 1,000 faculty attendees support the postsecondary education reform agenda. Conferences have focused on faculty development that improves advising, minority student achievement, use of technology, student learning generally, and engagement of students and faculty in community issues. This year 260 public and independent institution faculty and staff attended the annual conference which featured 45 presentations, 10 poster sessions, and two plenary presentations focused on the best practices of engaging learning and community action related to the conference theme *Engaging Students for Success*. The Faculty Development Workgroup, which manages the conference, also meets throughout the year to share best practices and faculty development strategies utilized continually across the Commonwealth. In addition, scholarly articles on instructional issues are published in the *Kentucky Journal of Excellence in College Teaching & Learning* (<http://www.uky.edu/TLC/JournalNEW/Journal2.htm>).

### How does the program work?

The annual faculty development activities are overseen by the Faculty Development Workgroup comprised of Teaching and Learning Center directors representing public and independent colleges. These events and scholarly activities promote the infusion of applied research and community engagement into teaching and practice.

### What is the Council's request?

Current funding for the program is \$48,400 (FY 2005-06). The Council on Postsecondary Education seeks an additional \$51,600 in recurring funds in 2006-07 to replace funds that supported the program in the last biennium.



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### Why is the additional funding needed?

Reductions to the faculty development program over the past several years have caused delays in key initiatives such as a redesign of the general education curriculum, collaborative public health initiatives, support for issues of accessibility for learners with disabilities, awareness and utilization of Internet2, and increasing efforts to engage and support faculty for stewardship of place initiatives.

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